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FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION (OF THE AMHARIC TEXT)
OF THE MEMORANDUM PRESENTED TO THE SUDANESE ACTING CONSUL GENERAL
DURING THE DEMONSTRATION OF FEB 10. THE FACT THAT THIS TRANS-
LATION WAS FURNISHED BY THE SUDANESE CONSULATE SHOULD NOT BE
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TO: PRESIDENT JAJAAR EL NUMERI
KHARTOUM.

THE PEOPLES OF ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN IN GOOD TIMES AND
BAD TIMES USING THE WATERS OF THE SAME RIVER, ALWAYS THINKING
FOR EACH OTHER, HAVE LIVED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS AS GOOD NEI-
GHBORS AND BROTHERS. THIS IS AN HISTORICAL FACT. NOW ALSO THE
OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF THESE TWO SISTER NATIONS ARE STRUGGLING TO

BE FREE FROM FOREIGN DOMINATION. THIS BEING A KNOWN FACT, WHAT YOU, AND THE GOVERNMENT LED BY YOU HAS DONE RECENTLY TO CREATE DISCORD BETWEEN THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO DISRUPT THE UNITY AND FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA HAS ANGERED US, THE PEOPLE OF ERITREA.

WE CONDEMN THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE CONSPIRED WITH THE ENEMIES OF THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND UNITY, ALTHOUGH IT IS KNOWN THAT ANY COUNTRY SHOULD NOT INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY AS PER THE CHARTERS OF THE OAU AND UN.

WE ALSO CONDEMN THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY YOUR SOCIALIST PARLIAMENT TO CREATE ANIMOSITY BETWEEN THE TWO OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN AND VIOLATE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA, HAVING OPENED YOUR BORDERS FOR THE USE OF THE ENEMIES OF ETHIOPIA. DURING THE OLD REGIME WHILE THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA WERE EXPLOITED AND YOU WERE IN POWER, YOU DID NOT UTTER A WORD IN FAVOR OF THE PEOPLE. NOW THAT ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE HAVE WON A REVOLUTIONARY VICTORY, THE FACT THAT YOU ARE COLLABORATING WITH REACTIONARIES TO OVERTHROW THIS HARD-WON VICTORY, HAS FURTHER STRENGTHENED THE UNITY OF THE PEOPLE, BUT YOUR SHAMEFUL ACTION HAS BEEN NOTED BY ALL PROGRESSIVE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD AND IT WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN BY HISTORY, AND THUS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN SADDENED BY THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE NOT HELPED TO BRING BACK THE REFUGEES THAT ARE IN YOUR COUNTRY AS PER THE POLICY DECLARATION OF 8 GHIRBOT 1968 (E.C.) IN YOUR CAPACITY AS A MEDIATOR AND GOOD NEIGHBOR. MOREOVER, WE REGRET TO LEARN THAT YOU ARE IN OPPOSITION TO OUR UNITY AND LIBERTY. THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN WILL NEVER HATE EACH OTHER BY TRICKS INSTIGATED BY IMPERIALIST UNLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PPORTED REACTIONARY GOVERNMENT.

ETHIOPIA-ERITREA, ERITREA-ETHIOPIA BEING ONE, WILL NEVER BE SEPARATED BY ANY FORM OF A REBELLION. THIS IS TO FIRMLY REQUEST PRESIDENT JAFAR EL NUMEIRI TO FIRST UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNITY OF THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA AND ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY CANNOT BE VIOLATED, AND TO WORK FOR THE PEACEFUL AND HISTORICALLY KNOWN BROTHERLY AND NEIGHBORLY COEXISTENCE OF THE TWO SISTER COUNTRIES.

LONG LIVE THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN.
FIRMLY CONDEMNED ARE THOSE THAT INTERFERE IN OTHER COUNTRY'S AFFAIRS.

(SIGNED BY) THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ASMARA

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NOTE THAT THE DECLARATION REFERRED TO AS THAT OF 8 GHIROT

1968 IS THE "NINE POINTS" DECLARATION OF MAY, 1976.

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